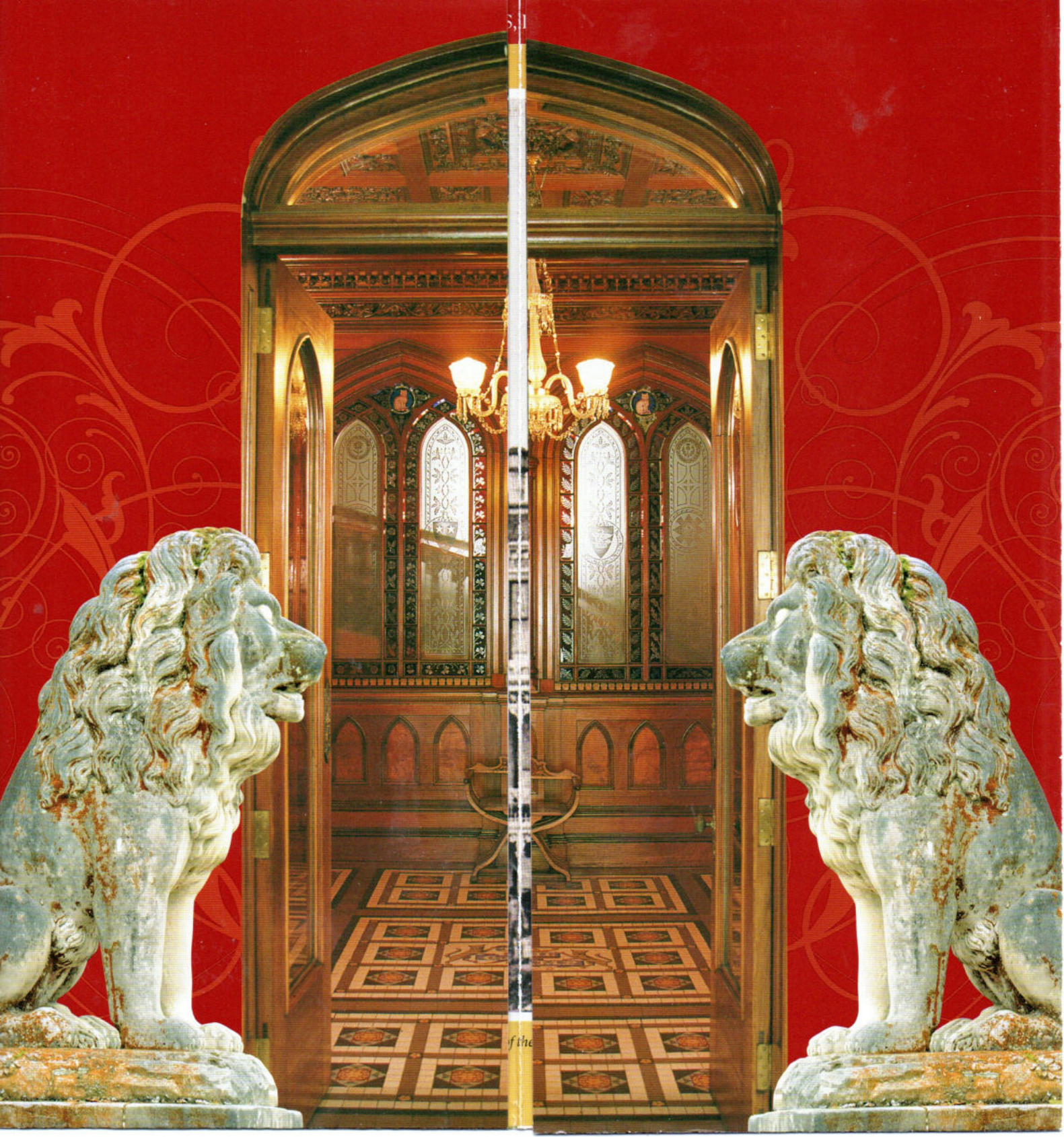


LARNACH CASTLE

Dunedin New Zealand





EXPERIENCE A VISION PAST...



Hon. W.J.M. Larnach C.M.G.



Larnach's pistol

WILLIAM LARNACH, seated alone in a committee room in Parliament, took his own life with a single pistol shot to the head. Thus died one of New Zealand's most remarkable men. A successful landowner, Minister of the Crown, banker, financier and merchant baron, Larnach's lasting legacy was his great Castle overlooking the spectacular Otago Harbour.

Larnach built the Castle for his beloved first wife, Eliza Jane Guise. Construction began in 1871, and 200 workmen laboured for three years before the family moved in. Skilled European craftsmen worked for twelve more years to embellish the interior with the finest materials from around the world. Building was completed with the addition of the splendid ballroom in 1887.



First Mrs Larnach,
Eliza Jane Guise



Second Mrs Larnach,
Mary Alleyn



Third Mrs Larnach,
Constance de Bathe Brandon



The earliest known photo of Castle, taken as the Larnach family moved in, 1874.



Welcome to our home

IN 1967, Margaret and the late Barry Barker purchased the empty, derelict Castle and its setting of ruined gardens. Their wish was to restore and secure the survival of the historic buildings. It was their family home where their children, Norcombe and Sophie, grew up, but it was always their intention to share it with visitors. Larnach Castle has been restored and furnished, brought to life since that time.

Looking to the future, it is the Barker family's vision that the Castle will continue to be available for guests to enjoy. It is our wish that this magnificent asset of Dunedin and New Zealand will continue to be preserved and enhanced so future generations can experience our colonial history and heritage.

The Barker family

A Garden of International Significance

A SOUTH SEAS' GARDEN between harbour and ocean, at 300metres, Larnach Castle Garden feels close to the sky. Enclosures and spaces flow, one into another, from open colourful plantings to areas shaded and green, each with an ambience, an idea, and all leading on to the beautiful views.

But the Garden is for people, a theatre for interaction, celebration, events, picnics, reading a book or sharing a glass of wine with friends. Or, it is a place of quiet moments, for contemplation of the essential mystery of nature, the force of new growth from change and decay. Enjoy... and do bring your children.

Larnach Castle Garden is a 'Garden of International Significance', as assessed by the New Zealand Gardens Trust.

Garden entry includes freedom to stroll around the Castle grounds, historic stable, outbuildings and café in the Castle Ballroom. Garden and native plant trail maps are provided. (Castle entry separate.)



EXPERIENCE A VISION PRESENT...

THIS IS NEW ZEALAND'S ONLY CASTLE. Famous Victorian architect, R. A. Lawson, and William Larnach strove to create a new world version of old world architecture; a Gothic revival mansion wrapped in lace verandas at a chosen site of great beauty on Otago Peninsula.

Learn of Larnach's pivotal role in our colonial history; of his triumphs, scandals and ultimate tragedy. See for yourself how a family, profiting from the Otago gold rush of the 1860s, lived and displayed their new-found wealth. Climb the spiral staircase to the tower for unbridled views of the harbour, peninsula and Pacific Ocean.

Castle self-guided tours include entry to the Castle, including the tower, gift shop, café in the Castle Ballroom and garden. Audio visual tours portraying glimpses of the past are available, and an informative brochure is provided.

Splendid dining

VISITORS can enjoy delightful refreshments in the Ballroom Café by the warmth of the fires or in the Garden. The menu includes high teas, for which bookings are essential. The Castle Ballroom is also the perfect choice for conferences, weddings, reunions and graduation balls, as well as the venue for our annual Larnach Castle Winter Ball.



Unique styles of accommodation

WE OFFER TRAVELLERS a totally new experience in accommodation. You can stay at the Lodge or indulge in the luxury of the nearby Camp Estate.



CAMP ESTATE is a glamorous new manor house, located on Castle land. It offers privacy, yet has the advantage of access to the Castle and Garden. The rooms are luxuriously decorated, with particular detail being paid to our guests' comfort. Camp Estate is also the perfect choice for conferences, weddings, retreats and weekend house parties.



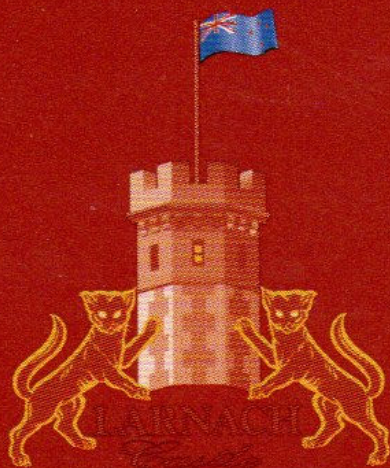
LARNACH LODGE is a re-creation of a colonial farm building located in the Larnach Castle Garden. All rooms are individually decorated, and have spectacular harbour views.

LARNACH STABLE STAY is comfortable budget-style accommodation with shared bathrooms in the converted historic Coach House.

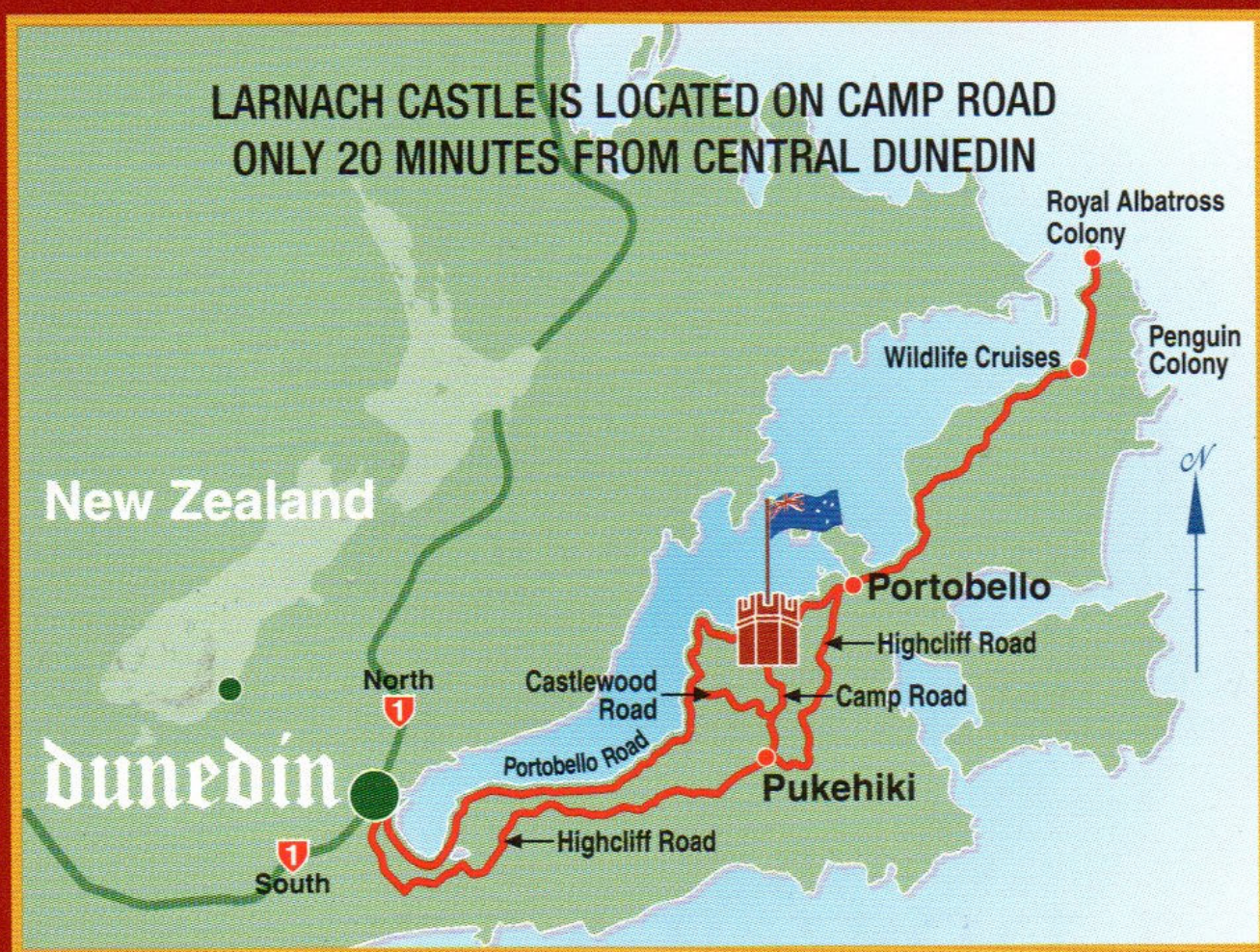
Guests of Camp Estate, Larnach Lodge and Larnach Stable Stay are invited to dine in New Zealand's only Castle. Dinner bookings are required by 5pm.

Spectacular views of Otago Harbour seen from the South Seas Garden below Larnach Lodge.





LARNACH CASTLE



OPENING HOURS

Castle 1 October to 31 March from 8.30am to 6pm (last entry 5pm)

1 April to 30 September 9am to 6pm (last entry 5pm)

Garden 1 October to 31 March from 8.30 am to 7pm

1 April to 30 September 9am to 5pm

Entry charges apply.

Please check our website for prices and specials.

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Castle



Lodge



Camp Estate

